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SPARE PARTS RED TAPE; NEW MIESK TRACTOR

HIT SPARE PARTS DISTRIBUTION -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 16 May 52

Automobile managements in Moscow are supplied with spare parts by inter-rayon departments of Glavavtotraktorobyt (Main Administration of Automobile and Tractor Sales). Each management has its fund in the interrayon department and its own account book in which delivery dates of parts are recorded.

Parts for each make of vehicle are recorded in the account book by a different person, on a different floor, and behind a different desk. Once the book is handed over to one official, it is tied up until the following week, at which time parts for another make vehicle can be registered in it.

Many automobile managements use seven different makes of vehicles. Parts for three of these makes are distributed exclusively by the second interrayon department, which is open on Saturdays, and parts for the other four makes, by the fifth department, which is open on Wednesdays. This complicates the ordering of parts, since the account book must be turned in for the listing of parts, and this takes 3 or 4 days.

Sometimes automobile managements cannot obtain needed parts because the intersayon department it deals with does not have them, while departments which do have the parts will not release them to the management because it is not attached to them.

For these reasons, managements make a practice of ordering four or five parts at a time instead of just one, in order to have a reserve.

The Moscow City Executive Committee should organize the sale of automobile spare parts in stores, where automobile managements could buy the parts they need.

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RESULTS OF ECONOMY DRIVE -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 13 May 52

In the first quarter of 1952, 2,403 metal-saving innovations were proposed in the economy drive at the Moscow Automobile Plant imeni Stalin, and the adoption of a considerable number of them will bring a yearly saving of more than 3,000 tons of metal. In the first quarter of 1952, the plant saved 1,800,000 kilowatt-hours of electric power.

The plant completed the plan for the first 4 months of 1952, 2 days ahead of schedule.

Petapov, Deputy Minister of the Automobile and Tractor Industry USSR, awarded the plant the Transferable Red Banner of the Council of Ministers USSR. In the speech of acceptance, Vlasov, director of the plant, promised that every effort would be made to complete the 1952 plan ahead of schedule.

COMPLETES PLANS FOR DUMP TRUCKS, BUILDS TRAILER -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 21 May 52

The Minsk Automobile Plant has completed its 6-month quota of 25-ton dump trucks for the construction projects.

Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 10 Jun 52

The Minsk Automobile Plant has just assembled the first of a new series of large capacity trailers. Plant designers are completing the plans of a self-unloading trailer. These trailers are destined for the construction projects.

Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 25 Jun 52

The Minsk Automobile Plant has completed its 1952 plan for 25-ton dump trucks for the Kuybyshev GES project and 5-ton dump trucks for the Main Turkmen Canal. The 1952 order for the Stalingrad GES project was also completed ahead of time and the order for the Kakhovka GES project is almost complete.

BOOST AUTO INSTRUMENT PRODUCTION -- Moscow, Pravda, 22 May 52

The Riga Avtoelektropribor Plant has assumed the following obligations for the remainder of 1952:

To fulfill the 1952 plan for the entire products list by 20 December, to exceed the plan for labor productivity by 1.3 percent, to lower production costs 1.7 percent beyond the plan, to lower the labor consumption of finished products 21 percent compared with 1951, and to organize the production of three new types of product ahead of schedule.

To save 4 percent of ferrous and nonferrous metals and 5 percent of electric power used.

BUILD NEW TRACTOR -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 16 May 52

The Vladimir Tractor Plant, which makes the U-4 tractor, is considerably exceeding its production plan.

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MINSK PLANT TO PRODUCE WHEEL TRACTOR -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya,
15 Jun 52

The Minsk Tractor Plant is intensifying preparations to produce the Belarus' wheel tractor. Among those who took part in building the new tractor are I. I. Dron, chief designer of the plant and a Stalin Prize winner; B. P. Al'gin, deputy chief designer; P. I. Boykov, designer; and others.

The Belarus' tractor comes in two models, the MTZ-1, with a double front wheel, and the MTZ-2, in which the front wheels have the same tread as the rear wheels. Both models are operated by a 37-horsepower diesel engine.

The Belarus' tractor compares favorably with the Kirovets KD-35 crawler tractor in economy and operating indexes. It is equipped with a special mechanism for operating suspension implements directly from the driver's seat.

The Belarus' tractor has passed state tests and has been accepted for mass production.

FULFILLS PLAN EARLY -- Moscow, Pravda, 27 Jun 52

The Aler'kov Tractor Assembly Plant has fulfilled the 6-month plan ahead of schedule and produced hundreds of KMTZ-7 garden and orchard tractors above the plan.

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